

The
BBC Bridge Companion

Operating Manual

WARNING

Important. The wires of the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Blue Neutral
Brown Live

A 13 Amp 3 pin plug must be fitted before use as follows:—

The wire coloured blue must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter N, or coloured black.

The wire coloured brown must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter L, or coloured red.

A 3 Amp fuse should be fitted to the plug.

The BBC BRIDGE COMPANION and its associated family of Cartridges are distributed in the U.K. by:

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INTRODUCTION

You will have received the following items in addition to this Operating Manual.

Bridge Companion
Warranty and registration card
Mains adaptor
Aerial lead
Cartridge
Cartridge Handbook

SETTING UP

Connect your Bridge Companion to a domestic television set using the aerial lead that is supplied. One of the plugs on this lead has a long central prong which plugs into the socket on the back of the Companion next to the cartridge socket. The other end of the lead fits into the television set in place of the normal aerial lead. (Fig.1)

PLUG IN CARTRIDGE BEFORE TURNING ON MAINS

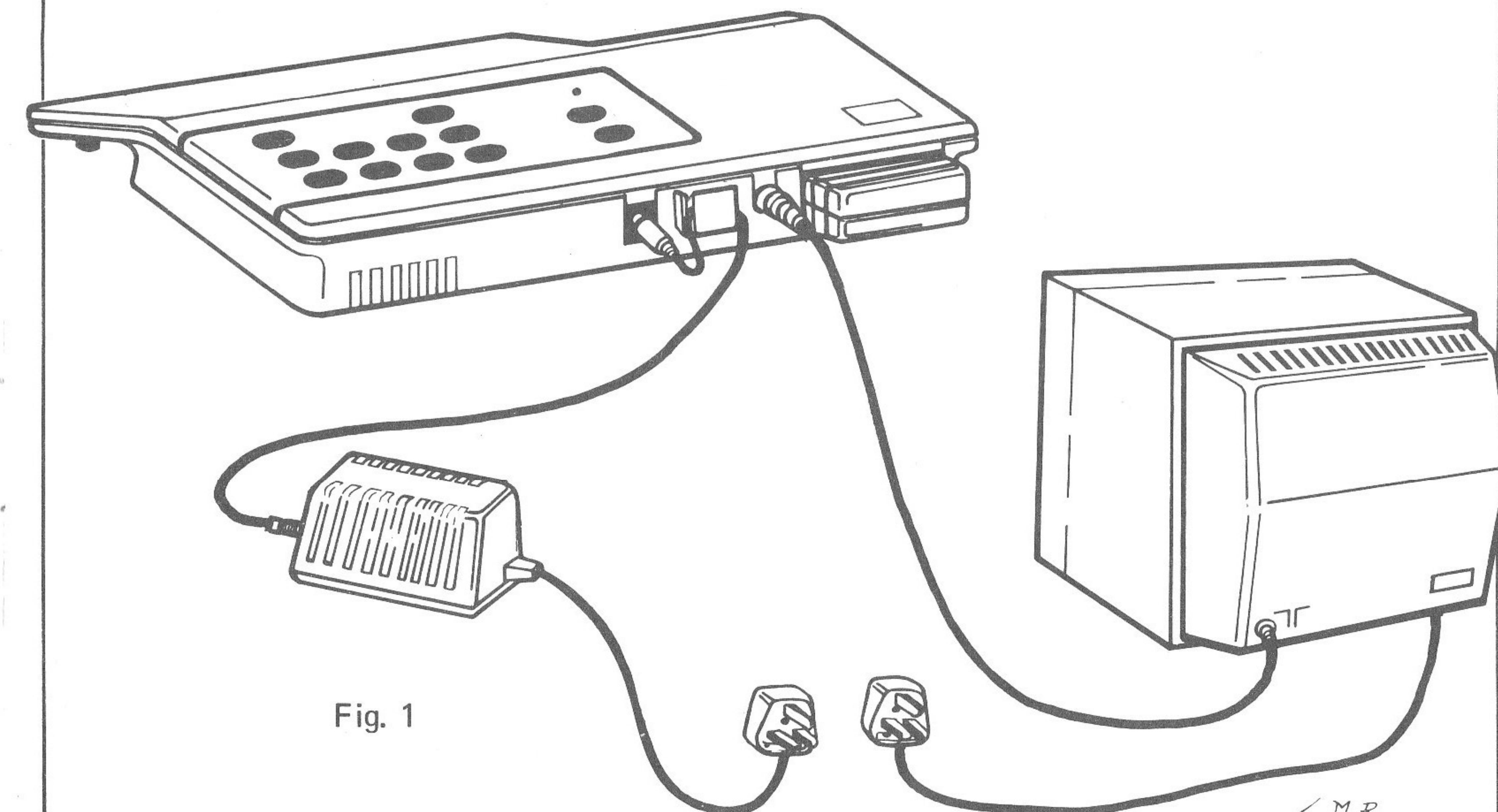


Fig. 1

At this stage you should insert the cartridge into the large recess at the rear of the Companion keeping the label uppermost and push it firmly until it clicks home.

Next, plug the jackplug on the mains adaptor into the other socket at the rear of the Companion. Plug the adaptor into the mains and switch on. The red light next to the buttons should come on.

ONLY USE THE MAINS ADAPTOR THAT WAS SUPPLIED WITH THE COMPANION.

NEVER USE THE MAINS ADAPTOR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

You will have to tune the TV so that it can receive pictures from your Bridge Companion. It is best to tune a spare channel. When your television is correctly tuned, words will appear on the screen. Turn down the television sound. If the cartridge is not correctly plugged in, a message will be displayed on the screen. The Bridge Companion transmits on channel 36.

The quality of the picture may vary from one television to another, depending on the manufacturer and age of the set. The picture quality may be improved by adjusting the colour and brightness controls.

At the rear of the Companion is a cable clamp for the mains adaptor lead. To prevent the lead being pulled out by accident after it is plugged in, loosely wrap the lead around the clamp as shown in Fig. 1

Always turn your Companion off at the mains when not in use and when changing the plug-in cartridges. This is always a good policy. The cartridge may be left plugged into the Companion when not in use.

Always keep your Companion at room temperature in a clean and dry place to give troublefree service.

BUTTONS

The pushbuttons have been designed for easy use. See Fig.2 Make your choice by pressing a grey button. You can change your mind as many times as you like. When you are sure that you have made the correct choice press one of the two yellow **Play** buttons.

Grey Buttons

Pass

The **Pass** button is used for making a bid of Pass or No Bid.

NT

Press once to make a bid of one No Trump. To bid 2NT press again.

Dbl

Double the previous bid.

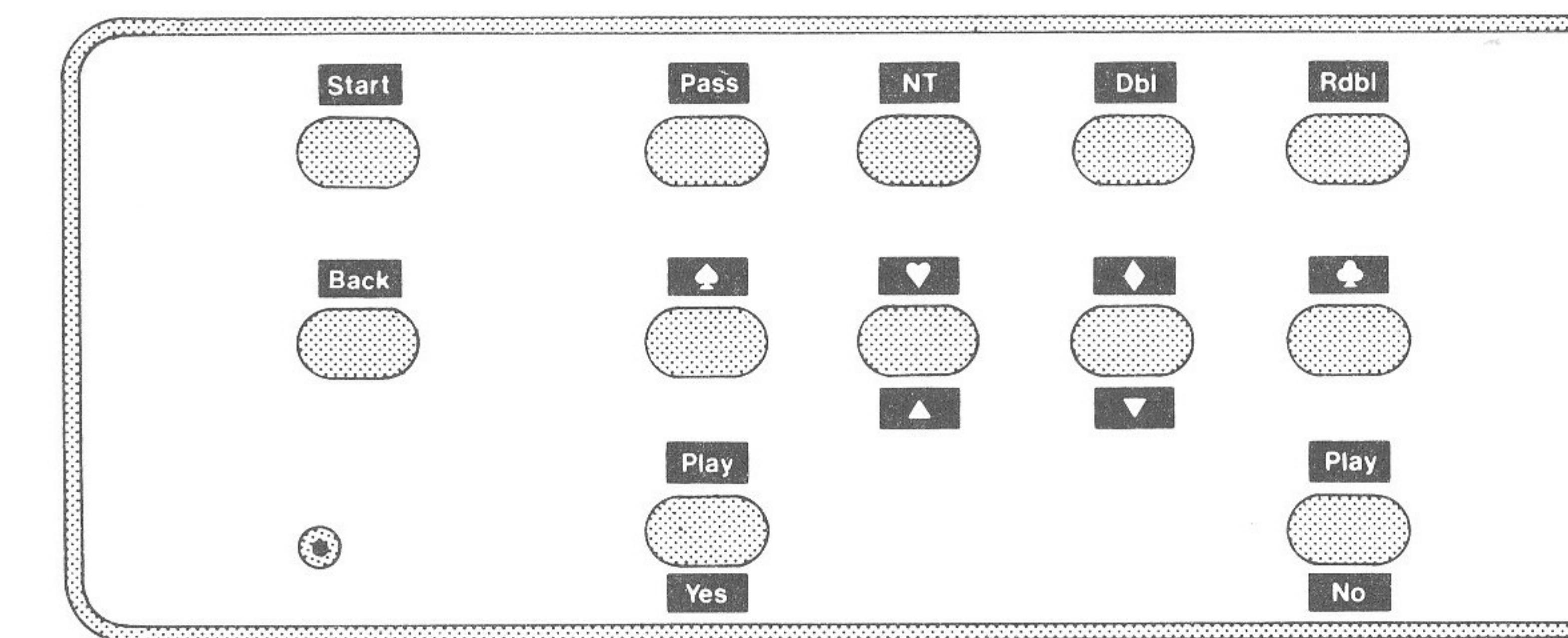


Fig. 2

Rdbl

Redouble the previous bid.

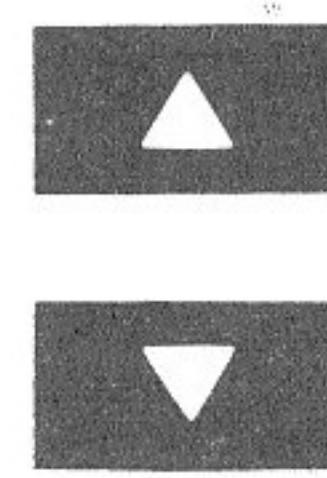
Spades

During a bidding sequence press a **Spades**, **Hearts**, **Diamonds** or **Clubs** button once to select and bid one of a suit. Each additional time that the selected suit button is pressed will raise the bid by one level.

Diamonds

During a playing sequence press a **Spades**, **Hearts**, **Diamonds** or **Clubs** button once to select a suit. An arrow will point to a card in that suit. Each additional time that the button is pressed the arrow will move to select another card.

Clubs



The **▲** and **▼** (up and down) buttons are secondary uses of the **♥** and **♦** buttons respectively. When the Companion is first switched on a list of contents will be displayed. The first item on the list will be highlighted in a different background colour. Pressing **▲** or **▼** will move the highlight up or down the list thereby allowing different items to be selected.

Yellow Buttons

Play

When you have made your choice with one of the grey buttons, press **Play**.

Yes

These are secondary uses of the **Play** buttons used for answering any questions the Companion poses.

No

Red Buttons

Start

This button will return you to the beginning of the cartridge. It should be used carefully, since you cannot retrieve a randomly dealt hand.

Back

Press **Back** once for each step that you wish to go back. For example it is useful if you want to rectify a mistake you may have made in an earlier round.

HINTS

It is possible to buy an aerial splitter from most television shops. This can be plugged into the back of your television set, allowing both your normal and Bridge Companion aerial leads to be permanently connected.

If you connect the Bridge Companion to a video cassette recorder (VCR) dont use the Companion with the video recorder ON as it too transmits on channel 36 and will thus cause interference.

Dont forget to unplug your Companion from the mains when it is not in use!

If you have any difficulties please write to your supplier quoting the number given to you when you placed the order.